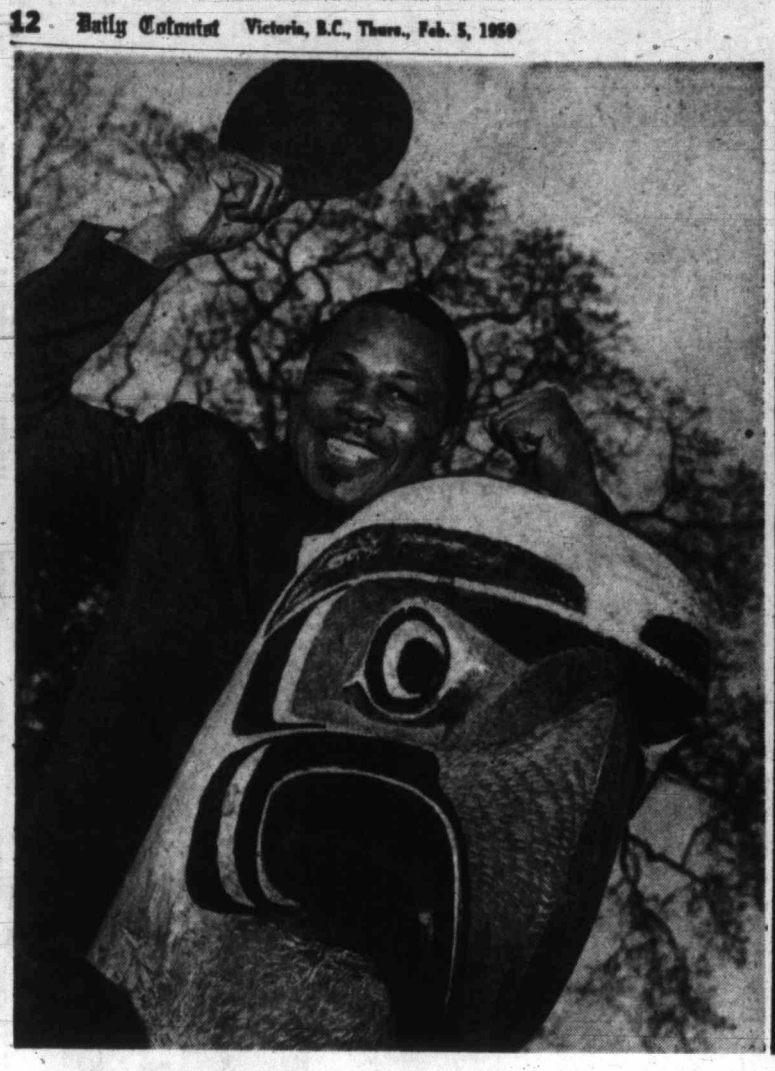

Totem Poles Wow Ancient Archie

Trip to Thunderbird Park was highlight of a busy morning for world light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore, whose first reaction to the sight of the famous totem poles was, "Which one of these guys do I fight?" However, Moore, who fights a four-round exhibition with Eddie Cotton of Seattle tonight at Memorial Arena, was soon astride a totem for photographers. Then he returned to his room to sign contract for tonight's bout under watchful eye of promoter Johnny Reddin. First bout on tonight's card starts at 8 p.m.—(Colonist photos.)

IT BEATS ME

By Jim Tang

In a sports world where the modern athletic hero is all too often willing to concede that his given talents are a major personal triumph, where individuality has all but been wiped out, and in which sportsmanship is so often misconstrued as saying the right things, Archie Moore is as refreshing as a cool grapefruit.

There is no false modesty about this man, who buffeted about for 16 long years before he finally got his break. Neither is there braggadocio. The light-heavyweight champion is affable, bland, intelligent, witty, plausible, co-operative and amusing. Most of all, it seems, he is amused. He grins at the memories of the lean years, recalls them without rancor and with considerable amusement, and chortles at the way things are going now. Archie Moore is certainly enjoying the chance to enjoy the good things of life, and it does not matter too much that it came rather late—late for anybody else except Archie Moore.

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"The Champ," as trainer Dick Sadler refers to Moore, is a newspaperman's delight. There is no fussy manager or press relations man standing by to see that their demi-god is treated as such, or to funnel things into the right channels, or do the answering when the question is not circumspect enough to suit him. Moore is in charge of his own press conferences, and he carries them off with an aplomb which must make even a John Daley feel a twinge of envy.

No question is too trite or too silly to deserve an answer. It's not until after you have left that you realize that the answer you got was a calculated answer. It either answered the query to best advantage or it wasn't really an answer. Moore it at the top of his profession but he would have won many an Oscar had he turned his talents to acting and a Pulitzer prize wouldn't have been out of his reach had he stumbled into the newspaper world.

What made yesterday's press conference, and probably all the ones Moore has had, a success was the fact that the central figure seemed to enjoy it most of all. He didn't trot out a tape recorder, as he did in Edmonton some years ago, to interview his interviewers but it was probably because he didn't have one with him.

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It was only natural that the question of his age would be brought up sooner or later. No one expected to get the right answer but it seemed the thing to do, being practically ritual.

Moore had his fun. "You wouldn't believe me if I said 39, would you? he asked. "Let's say I'm in my forties. Pick a number from one to nine and put a four in front of it and you'll be close."

It continued in light vein for some time with nobody getting anywhere but the thought struck that maybe "Old Archie" is younger than anyone has yet estimated, but old enough to know the value of being credited with a few extra years. He has been fighting professionally for 23 years and it could be possible that he started when he was in his late 'teens.

It was understandable that one of his bulkier interviewers would eventually ask him about his weight-reducing techniques which have enabled him, amazingly, to pare down to the light-heavyweight limit of 175 pounds from as much as 212—he denied ever being heavier.

"Ah, that," he replied. "It's not a trick and not a secret. It's a method."

Then, as his listeners waited expectantly, "I can't tell you what it is now. I want everyone to find out together."

Moore, it seems, is forming a health club. The method will be divulged in a publication tied in with the project. It's entitled "Moore Health for More."

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He listened with interest about the possibilities and record of Bobby Hicks, the young Seattle lightweight who fights the main event on tonight's fight show at Memorial Arena.

"Oh, to be 18 again," he mused. "You can have the money, the championship, everything. Just give me back those years."

Just the same, he isn't planning any immediate retirement. Asked if he contemplated trying again for the heavyweight championship he answered that he'd "like a championship fight but only if there is a demand for one."

"Of course," he continued, "if Johansson should beat Patterson then they might think I should fight Johansson."

Told that Patterson had a return-bout clause (within 90 days) in his contract with Johansson, Moore looked disappointed for only a second, then brightened.

"Well, even at that I shouldn't have to wait for more than two years."

Asked how much longer he would continue fighting, he said, "Don't put a time limit on it. After all, I had to wait 16 years to fight for the title, no one should mind if I keep it 16 years."

He has only nine or 10 years left. Don't bet he might not just do it.

Whether he does or not, Archie will always be remembered here as someone out of the ordinary, a celebrity not above appreciation and co-operation. Believe me, it can be a change.

FAN FARE By Walt Ditzen

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Archie Moore Keeps Busy, And in Shape

By JIM TAYLOR

Archie Moore, one of the all-time wonders of boxing, will be at Memorial Arena tonight to give Victoria fight fans a look at the talent that has carried him through 23 eventful years in the ring.

Moore meets Seattle's Eddie Cotton in a four-round exhibition that is one of the feature attractions of a six-bout card being staged by promoter Johnny Reddin. Bobby Hicks of Seattle meets Howard Dixon of St. Louis in the lightweight main event.

For Moore, who has 205 fights and a record of 127 knockouts to his credit, tonight's bout is just one in a series of preliminaries as he prepares for the serious business of defending his world light-heavyweight championship. But Moore has so many irons in the fire it's difficult to decide just when his next important fight will be, or against whom.

HERE AGAIN?

Relaxing in his motel room yesterday, the personable champion named Yvon Durelle and British champion Henry Cooper as his next opponents. Then last night he told Reddin he was interested in fighting in Victoria early this summer.

That's a rugged schedule, even for someone as used to fast travelling as Moore. A return bout with Durelle is "a moral obligation" to Moore, who said he would like to fight the Canadian fisherman in Montreal next June in an outdoor bout.

Negotiations are now under way for a bout with Cooper prior to the Durelle bout, probably in London.

AIDS CHARITY

Moore has pledged $100 from tonight's purse to the fund for the Donald S. McQueen family of Victoria, which was left without home or possessions after fire destroyed their James Bay home Sunday.

He also started off another fund for the family with $20 last night when he attended an Evening Optimists Club meeting, where he met some of the Britannia Legion's young boxers. The fund quickly reached $70.

Tickets for tonight's fight card were selling briskly last night, but good seats will be available at the arena. First bout on the card starts at 8 p.m.

Hockey Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Providence 4, Buffalo 3
Rochester 3, Hershey 5
Springfield 6, Cleveland 4

ONTARIO SENIOR
Kitchener 3, Chatham 7
Sault Ste. Marie 4, Sudbury 7

INTERCOLLEGIATE
McGill 1, Montreal 3

Ski Meeting

Victoria Sno-Birds Ski Club will hold a general meeting at 8 p.m. tonight at Williams Hall, 749 Broughton Street.

Victoria B's Win Playoff Opener

Victoria B's got off to a fast start in their quest for the women's city senior "B" basketball championship last night, trouncing Naval Vets, 52-28, at Mount View High School gym in the opening game of a best-of-three series.

Verna Grooms led the B's with 11 points, and Lorraine Code added eight. Millie Calhoun scored nine points for the Vets. Date of the second game will be announced later.

In last night's senior "B" men's exhibition game, Half Way House downed Farmer Construction, 51-27.

MINUS STAR

The Pubmen were without star centre Charlie Boyd, who has quit the club, but Gary Taylor took up the scoring slack with an 18-point performance. Johnny Clarke scored 14 points. Bill Bamford was high man for the losers with 10.

Navy took second place in the junior men's finals last night by beating Royal Roads, 45-32. Victoria College Vikings had clinched the title Monday.

Scorers follow

Half Way House—Clark 14, Denison 2, Bond 9, Paterson 6, Bennett 2, Taylor 18. Total, 51.

Farmer Construction—Tooby 2, Curtis 2, Bamford 10, Briggs 1, Turko 4, Northup 4, Fletcher 4. Total, 27.

Naval Vets—Calhoun 9, P. Sinclair 2, S. Sinclair 4, Vowles 5, Moysychyn 4, Warshawski 2, Lloyd 2. Total, 28.

Victoria B's—Groom 11, Moody 6, Robbins 2, DeMontigny 4, Lewis 5, Donaldson 4, Winterburn 2, Mitchell 4, Code 8, Walls 6. Total, 52.

Macs Play Oslo Today

LONDON (AP) — Belleville McFarlands, Canada's team in the world hockey championships, left London Airport Wednesday for Oslo and a game in the Norwegian capital today.

The Canadians have arranged matches in Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Italy and Switzerland before going to Czechoslovakia for the world championships March 5-15.

Warriors Trounce Shaky Cats, 8-4

Spokane Spokes kept yesterday from being a total loss for Victoria Cougars by outscoring New Westminster Royals, 4-2, at Spokane but it has to be said that the Cougars did little to help themselves.

Rapidly reaching a position which will make their playoff chances strictly a two-team fight with the Royals, the Cougars didn't at all resemble the team which looked so good Saturday night as they took an 8-4 trouncing from Winnipeg Warriors at Memorial Arena last night.

WESTERN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Seattle	47	27	18	2	181	139	56
Vancouver	46	30	19	3	138	140	63
Spokane	50	20	25	5	163	185	45
VICTORIA	47	18	25	4	140	174	40
New West	48	16	30	2	167	204	34

EASTERN DIVISION

Calgary	44	30	13	2	172	117	61
Edmonton	47	26	18	3	152	133	55
Saskatoon	45	19	23	3	140	151	41
Winnipeg	43	18	22	2	157	157	38

Last night's scores: Winnipeg 8 at VICTORIA 4; Saskatoon 4 at Calgary 3; New Westminster 2 at Spokane 4.

Next games: Friday, VICTORIA at Vancouver; Winnipeg at Seattle; Calgary at Edmonton.

It was the fifth defeat in an eight-game home stand which had been counted on to put the Victoria club into a contending position and leave no worries about making the playdowns. But the Cougars got only five points instead of the 10 or 12 they should have had and they're going to have to do an about-face to make certain they won't miss post-season play.

They made it a frustrating night for the 1,610 fans, looking like amateurs from the goal out in the first period as they dropped behind, 1-4, then raising hopes in a second-period surge which twice brought them within one goal of tying. But each time they seemed to have taken control, they lapsed again.

LITTLE FIRE

There was none of the fire and dash which characterized their fine win over Calgary Saturday. They were beaten by a faster, more-alert club but, nevertheless, a club which could have been taken had the Cougars been able to sustain their periodic pressures.

It might be said in defence that Cougars were short their two highest-scoring forwards—Stan Baliuk and George Ford, who have scored almost one-third of their goals this season. But the Cougars did score four times, and it should have been enough.

That it wasn't must, of course, be blamed to bad defensive play. Chief offender last night was Marcel Pelletier, who isn't looking at all like the all-star candidate he always has been, but Pelletier's defence was none too sound, and that takes in errors made by forwards who weren't doing things right both coming and going.

After 20 minutes, it appeared as if all there was to decide would be the margin of Winnipeg victory. But the Cougars started the second period with a rush and Billy Forhan put them back in the game by scoring goals less than two minutes apart. Then after rookie Warren Hynes had given the Warriors a two-goal lead, rookie Ron Blackburn got his second goal of the game and it was the Cougars' win to take.

They missed the tying goal when it should have come in the last minute of the second period and again in the first minute of the third period before Hynes, a speedy little rookie who had a field night with four goals, made it 6-4 at 3.36.

BY INCHES

Again, the Cougars had their chances, twice missing by inches and failing to cash in on successive penalties to Don Johns. Then Barry Ross poked in a rebound and Hynes put the finishing touches to his best-ever pro game to turn it into a rout.

The last minute produced a bit of added entertainment when referee Bing Juckes, a distinctly unpopular fellow all evening, was clouted over the head by Winnipeg defenceman Bill Folk and finished the game with blood running down his neck.

It was a case of off-target stick-swinging. Folk wanted a piece of Al Nicholson, who had dumped him on the ice and swung his stick at him after being roughed along the boards. Jukes gave both major penalties but additional punishment may be imposed on either or both after Jukes has made his report to league president Al Leader.

FIRST PERIOD
1. Winnipeg, Brisson (Ross, Folk), 2.47.
2. Victoria, Blackburn (Haworth, Hay), 4.09.
3. Winnipeg, Chrystal (Johanson, Brisson), 11.16.
4. Winnipeg, Kapusta (Johanson, Hynes), 12.00.
5. Winnipeg, Hynes (Lamoureux), 14.17.

Penalties: McLeod 1.52, Chrystal 3.26, Nicholson 10.18, Ross 13.55, McLeod 16.27.

SECOND PERIOD
6. Victoria, Forhan (Wilson, McLeod) 5.45.
7. Victoria, Forhan (Wilson, Solinzl) 7.27.
8. Winnipeg, Hynes (Kapusta) 12.05.
9. Victoria, Blackburn (Haworth, Nicholson) 18.00.

Penalties: Ross 8.16; Hay 13.01.

THIRD PERIOD
10. Winnipeg, Tynes (Brunel, Lamoureux) 3.36.
11. Winnipeg, Ross (Brisson, Wittuk) 16.55.
12. Winnipeg, Hynes (Ross, Summers) 18.28.

Penalties: Johns 8.50, 12.08, Nicholson 15.27, Folk, Nicholson (majors) 19.38.

Gutoski Nips Stone Rink

VERNON (Special)—Victoria's Tony Gutoski was knocked out of the unbeaten ranks in the annual B.C. Bonspiel Wednesday, but not before he had made sure the rink which figured to give him the toughest battle in the provincial finals didn't reach the finals.

Reg Stone's Trail rink, seeking to get into the Consols final for the second year in a row by reaching the finals of either of the two primary events, was sidelined by Gutoski in the eights of the "B" primary.

Jumping off to a 3-0 lead in the first end, the defending B.C. champions were in control all the way as they eased Stone out of his last chance, 8-5. Stone was beaten on Tuesday in "A" primary by Frank Avery's Vancouver rink.

STREAK ENDS

Gutoski's win streak, however, came to an end after seven games later in the day when he lost an 11-10 extra-end decision to Eric Bisgrove, East Kootenay zone champion from Kimberley who may have the rink with the best chance of upsetting the Victoria rink in the Consols playdowns, which will get under way Friday morning.

A missed takeout on the extra end cost Gutoski his first defeat and left the bonspiel without an unbeaten rink.

Joining Bisgrove in the fours of the "A" primary were Avery's rink, which defeated Ernie Caughlin of Oliver, 9-8, and Gar Taylor of Victoria and John Cameron of Trail.

Taylor and Cameron meet Thursday in a semi-final game which will send the winner into the Consols finals along with the 10 zone champions and up to two rinks from the "B" primary, depending on whether or not the finalists are or are not zone champions.

Taylor, beaten only once in seven games, reached the semi-finals with a 9-8 win over Bung Cartmell of Vancouver while Cameron knocked Barry Naimark of Vancouver out of the unbeaten ranks with an extra end, 8-7 win. Taylor reached the eights of the "D" secondary event with an 11-10 win over Lisle Pope of Kelowna.

Six rinks are left in the running in the "B" primary, two of them zone champions. Gutoski is out to the fours along with his next opponent, Ray Ottem of Kamloops.

TOPPING TRIMMED

Naimark trimmed Dick Topping, a zone champion, by a 9-2 score in the 16s, Esche beat Frank Evans of Armstrong, 8-7, Schisler handed John Cameron his first defeat, 7-6, and Roy Hermanson of Vernon lost to Kapphahn, 11-8.

Meanwhile, play in the secondary events was out to the eights and rinks were in the 16s of the two tertiary events and bonspiel officials will have no trouble having everything, including the Consols playdowns, a double-draw knockout affair, completed by Sunday.

STILL ALIVE

Two other Vancouer Island rinks were still alive in one event. Wilkie Gardner of Victoria was knocked out of "C" secondary when he lost to Hermanson, 2-9, but stayed alive in "F" tertiary with a 9-2 win over Bill Parsons of Ashcroft.

Bill Karjala of Nanaimo was eliminated from "D" secondary when he was nosed out by Bill Fuller of Whitehorse, 3-4, but moved into the 16s of "E" tertiary with a 7-6 win over Al Mather of Penticton.

Stampeder Streak Now Three Losses

Calgary Stampeders, who won 16 straight games before being stopped by Victoria Cougars, are now working on a streak in the other direction in the eastern division of the Western Hockey League.

Saskatoon Quakers handed the Stamps their third straight defeat, 4-3, at Calgary last night on a goal by Elliott Chorley at 19.04 of the third period.

In last night's other western division game, Spokane Spokes moved within a single point of the second-place Vancouver Canucks with a 4-2 victory over New Westminster Royals at Spokane.

BLEW LEAD

Dave Balon, Paul Masnick and Merv Kuryluk got the other goals for the Quakers, who had a 2-0 lead, blew it to fall behind, 3-2, and finally won with two goals in the final three minutes.

Sid Finney, Bill Hay and Murray Wilkie scored for the Stamps. Centre Eddie Dorohoy, who had scored a point or more in 22 straight games before Calgary lost to the Cougars, went pointless for the third consecutive game.

Ching Johnson, the league's top goal-getter, scored his 31st at Spokane last night. Blinky Boyce, Ron Attwell and Joe Lund got the other goals for Spokane, while Dick Van Impe and Arnie Schmautz scored for the Royals.

SASKATOON 4, CALGARY 3

FIRST PERIOD
1. Saskatoon, Balon (Chorley, La Bossiere) 11.17.
2. Saskatoon, Masnick (McLeod, Hucul) 13.07.

Penalty: Ward 16.36.

SECOND PERIOD
3. Calgary, Piney (F. Hucul) 4.02.

Penalties: Masnick 10.11, Glover 11.58, Kuryluk 11.58.

THIRD PERIOD
4. Calgary, Wilkie (Finney, Glover) 5.56.
5. Calgary, Hay 14.56.
6. Saskatoon, Kuryluk (Masnick, Keller) 17.07.
7. Saskatoon, Chorley (Balon, Labossiere) 19.04.

Penalties: None.

NEW WESTMINSTER 2, SPOKANE 4

FIRST PERIOD
1. New Westminster, Schmautz (Goodwin, H. Jones) 9.23.
2. Spokane, C. Johnson (Hodges, Topoll) 16.06.

Penalty: Bodman 11.59.

SECOND PERIOD
3. Spokane, Lund 2.08.

Penalties: Creighton 5.25, Barlow, Bodman 11.39, Wright 18.23.

THIRD PERIOD
4. Spokane, Royce (Bell, Meklok) 14.11.
5. Spokane, Attwell 19.35.
6. New Westminster, Van Impe (H. Jones, Goodwin) 19.57.

Penalties: Creighton 4.39, Van Impe 19.07.

Jack Bionda Stays With Salmonbellies

President Joe Mitchell of the Victoria Shamrocks last night squelched rumors that Jack Bionda may sign up with the Irish for the coming Inter-City Lacrosse League season.

"We'd like to have Bionda back with us and I know he was interested in coming back," Mitchell stated. "But he signed with New Westminster Salmonbellies for this year before he left them last season.

Annual general meeting of the Inter-City Lacrosse League is scheduled Feb. 13 in Vancouver. Mitchell admitted that the Shamrocks are going to propose a few changes, but declined to elaborate.

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vs.
EDDIE COTTON
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Pacific Northwest Lightweight Champ — Prospect of Month
Semi-Windup—6 Rounds
TRUMAN GIBSON vs. BILLY HERRIN
San Diego — Tacoma
Semi-Windup—6 Rounds
BILLY PEACOCK vs. IRISH BOB McKINNEY
Seattle — Portland
Preliminary—4 Rounds
JUNIUS WASHINGTON vs. TIGER MITCHELL
California — Oklahoma
Preliminary—4 Rounds
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